



ARIZONA CROPS APRIL 2002

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ARIZONA COTTON ACREAGE DOWN

Cotton acreage in Arizona is expected to decrease from 2001, according to an intentions survey conducted by the Arizona Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage of all cotton is anticipated to total 267,500 acres, compared to 302,800 acres last year. Growers

of upland cotton intend to plant 260,000 acres, a decrease of 35,000 acres from last season, while producers of American-Pima have indicated that they will plant 7,500 acres, down 300 acres from last season.

UNITED STATES COTTON ACREAGE EXPECTED TO BE DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM 2001

Area planted to all cotton for 2002 is expected to total 14.8 million acres, 6 percent below last year. Upland acreage is expected to total 14.5 million acres, down 7 percent from 2001. Growers intend to increase their plantings of American-Pima cotton to 274,500 acres, up 5 percent from a year ago. Low prices and uncertainty with the farm bill led to the decrease in planted acreage intentions.

Upland growers in the Delta States (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee) intend to plant 4.02 million acres, a 13 percent decrease from the previous year. Producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico intend to plant 6.08 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. Farmers in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia) intend to plant 3.55 million acres of upland cotton, a 2 percent decrease from 2001.

Upland planted acreage in California and Arizona is expected to total 850,000 acres, 9 percent below last year. California producers intend to plant 590,000 acres, an 8 percent decrease from 2001. If realized, the California planted acreage will represent the lowest planted acreage since 1950 and about half the acreage that was planted as recently as 1995.

American-Pima acreage intentions are reported at 274,500 acres, an increase of 5 percent from last year. The increase is in California, where producers are intending to plant 15,000 acres more than last year. Growers are encouraged by the better prices that American-Pima cotton commands. Arizona and Texas producers are decreasing planted acreage by 4 percent and 6 percent, respectively. New Mexico growers intend to plant 6,000 acres, the same level as last year.

COTTON: AREA PLANTED BY TYPE, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 2000-2002

Type and State	Area Planted			
	2000	2001	Indicated 2002 1/	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Upland				
AL	590.0	610.0	600.0	98
AZ	280.0	295.0	260.0	88
AR	960.0	1,080.0	970.0	90
CA	775.0	640.0	590.0	92
FL	130.0	125.0	110.0	88
GA	1,500.0	1,500.0	1,500.0	100
KS	40.0	42.0	68.0	162
LA	710.0	870.0	660.0	76
MS	1,300.0	1,620.0	1,400.0	86
MO	400.0	405.0	405.0	100
NM	72.0	75.0	55.0	73
NC	930.0	970.0	950.0	98
OK	280.0	270.0	260.0	96
SC	300.0	300.0	290.0	97
TN	570.0	620.0	580.0	94
TX	6,400.0	6,000.0	5,700.0	95
VA	110.0	105.0	98.0	93
US	15,347.0	15,527.0	14,496.0	93
American-Pima				
AZ	5.0	7.8	7.5	96
CA	145.0	230.0	245.0	107
NM	4.2	6.0	6.0	100
TX	16.0	17.0	16.0	94
US	170.2	260.8	274.5	105

1/ Intended plantings in 2002 as indicated by reports from farmers.

**U.S. BARLEY INTENTIONS UP 2 PERCENT;
CORN INTENTIONS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR**

Barley growers intend to seed 5.08 million acres for 2002, up 2 percent from the record low of 4.97 million acres seeded a year ago. Increases in 11 States were partially offset by declines in 8 States. The intended acreage in Montana is up 150,000 acres from last year's drought reduced crop. Acreage in Minnesota is rebounding 50,000 acres from last year when cool wet weather limited planting. Fewer acres are expected in California as well as the Pacific Northwest States where dry conditions and concerns over water availability exist in some areas.

Corn growers intend to plant 79.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2002, up 4 percent from 2001 but down 1 percent from 2000. Expected acreage is up in many areas of the United States and in virtually all areas of the Corn Belt. Compared to last year when producers had problems getting their crops in due to persistent precipitation, conditions so far this year have been cooperative and have increased farmer's hopes of planting their corn crop on time.

Arizona acreage seeded to barley totals 40,000 acres, down 5 percent from last year. Field corn acreage for all purposes is expected to total 60,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2001.

AREA PLANTED BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, 2000-02

Crop and State	2000	2001	Indicated 2002 1/	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Acres		Percent	
Barley 2/				
AZ	40	42	40	95
CA	130	160	110	69
CO	110	90	100	111
ID	750	700	690	99
MN	270	160	210	131
MT	1,250	1,100	1,250	114
ND	1,900	1,500	1,500	100
OR	150	110	100	91
SD	115	90	90	100
UT	95	85	75	88
WA	500	430	400	93
WY	105	100	100	100
US	5,864	4,967	5,078	102
Corn				
AZ	56	55	60	109
CA	540	480	500	104
CO	1,350	1,220	1,150	94
IL	11,200	11,000	11,300	103
IN	5,700	5,800	6,000	103
IA	12,300	11,700	12,000	103
KS	3,450	3,450	3,300	96
MI	2,200	2,200	2,300	105
MN	7,200	6,800	7,000	103
MO	2,850	2,700	2,800	104
NE	8,500	8,100	8,400	104
NM	150	130	140	108
ND	1,080	880	1,200	136
OH	3,550	3,400	3,550	104
SD	4,300	3,800	4,000	105
TX	2,100	1,600	1,900	119
WA	155	115	125	109
WI	3,500	3,400	3,600	106
US	79,551	75,752	79,047	104

1/ Intended plantings in 2002 as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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April 25 Floriculture Crops
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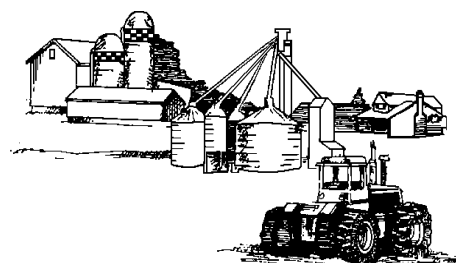
ALL HAY INTENTIONS UP SLIGHTLY FROM 2001

Hay producers expect to harvest 63.7 million acres of hay in 2002, up less than 1 percent from 2001. Increases in 21 States are expected to offset declines in 18 States. Oregon, up 13 percent, has the largest increase where producers are responding to strong prices and an increase in cattle inventory. Record high acreages are expected in Florida, Idaho, Missouri, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah. For Arizona, hay is expected to be harvested from 260,000 acres, 1 percent more than last year. This acreage includes both alfalfa and other types of hay.

AREA HARVESTED BY STATE AND UNITED STATES

Crop and State	2000-2002			
	2000	2001	Indicated 2002 1/	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Acres		Percent	
All Hay				
AZ	247	258	260	101
AR	1,250	1,320	1,320	100
CA	1,530	1,540	1,640	106
CO	1,400	1,600	1,550	97
ID	1,390	1,420	1,450	102
IL	850	800	800	100
IN	750	610	580	95
IA	1,700	1,650	1,700	103
KS	2,800	3,300	3,200	97
MI	1,300	1,150	1,150	100
MN	2,250	2,150	2,200	102
MO	3,720	4,050	4,200	104
MT	2,000	2,450	2,200	90
NE	3,050	3,250	3,200	98
NV	490	495	485	98
NM	380	380	400	105
ND	2,450	2,700	2,600	96
OK	2,430	2,540	2,500	98
OR	1,080	1,025	1,160	113
SD	4,050	4,700	4,700	100
TX	4,120	5,230	5,600	107
UT	700	710	720	101
WA	780	790	830	105
WI	2,100	2,000	2,000	100
WY	1,140	1,130	1,150	102
US	59,854	63,511	63,743	100

1/ Intended area harvested in 2002 as indicated by reports from farmers.



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ARIZONA WHEAT SEEDINGS MORE THAN INTENDED

Arizona's Durum wheat seedings totaled 90,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2001. Seedings of wheat other than Durum totaled 6,000 acres, the same amount as last year.

AREA PLANTED BY STATE AND UNITED STATES, 2000-02 1/

Crop and State	2000	2001	Indicated 2002 2/	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Durum Wheat				
AZ 2/	85	88	90	102
CA 2/	100	85	95	112
MN	2	2	2	100
MT	480	510	530	104
ND	3,250	2,200	2,100	95
SD	20	25	25	100
US	3,937	2,910	2,842	98
Winter Wheat 2/				
AZ 3/	7	6	6	100
AR	1,180	1,100	1,000	91
CA	535	530	530	100
CO	2,500	2,350	2,350	100
ID	780	760	730	96
IL	950	750	680	91
IN	550	400	350	88
KS	9,800	9,800	9,400	96
MI	530	570	470	82
MN	20	15	25	167
MO	1,050	900	940	104
MT	1,500	1,300	1,400	108
NE	1,750	1,750	1,700	97
NV	10	9	8	89
NM	470	500	490	98
ND	120	150	80	53
OH	1,120	950	870	92
OK	6,100	5,600	5,800	104
OR	750	750	800	107
SD	1,350	1,300	1,150	88
TX	6,000	5,600	6,400	114
UT	150	140	140	100
WA	1,850	1,850	1,800	97
WY	190	160	150	94
US	43,393	41,078	41,076	100

1/ Intended planting for 2002 as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

3/ Wheat other than Durum.

ARIZONA CITRUS PRODUCTION

The April 1 citrus forecast of the 2001-02 crop shows decreased expectations for Valencia and Navel oranges, grapefruit, and lemons, but will remain the same for tangerines. Utilization of lemons is expected to total 3.1 million 76-pound boxes, down 500,000 boxes from the 2000-01 season. Valencia orange output is predicted at 350,000 75-pound boxes, down 70,000 boxes from last year. Navel and miscellaneous orange production, at 300,000 boxes, is down 180,000 boxes from last year. Grapefruit, at 200,000 boxes, is down 50,000 boxes from a year ago. Tangerine production is unchanged, at 650,000 boxes.

CITRUS FRUIT: UTILIZED PRODUCTION 1999/00-2000/01 AND FORECASTED APRIL 1, 2002 1/ 2/

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	1999/00	2000/01	Forecasted 2001/02
1,000 Boxes 3/			
Oranges, Early Mid and Navel 4/			
AZ	600	480	300
CA	40,000	36,000	32,000
FL	134,000	128,000	128,000
TX	1,460	2,000	1,550
US	176,060	166,480	161,850
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ	500	420	350
CA	24,000	21,000	23,000
FL	99,000	95,300	100,000
TX	200	235	200
US	123,700	116,955	123,550
All Oranges			
AZ	1,100	900	650
CA	64,000	57,000	55,000
FL	233,000	223,300	228,000
TX	1,660	2,235	1,750
US	299,760	283,435	285,400
Temples			
FL	1,950	1,250	1,500
All Grapefruit			
AZ	450	250	200
CA	7,200	6,500	6,400
FL	53,400	46,000	47,000
TX	5,930	7,200	7,100
US	66,980	59,950	60,700
Tangerines			
AZ 5/	850	650	650
CA 5/	2,500	2,100	2,300
FL	7,000	5,600	6,600
US	10,350	8,350	9,550
Lemons			
AZ	3,100	3,600	3,100
CA	19,000	22,700	22,000
US	22,100	26,300	25,100
Tangelos			
FL	2,200	2,100	2,150
K-Early Citrus			
FL	110	40	30

1/ The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year.

2/ 2000-2001 revised.

3/ Net lbs. per box: oranges-AZ & CA-75, FL-90, TX-85; grapefruit-AZ & CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; lemons-76; tangelos, K-Early Citrus & Temples-90; tangerines-AZ & CA-75, FL-95.

4/ Navel and miscellaneous varieties in AZ and CA. Early (including Navel) and midseason varieties in FL and TX. Small quantities of tangerines in TX.

5/ Includes tangelos and tangors.

SPRING POTATOES: AREA PLANTED AND HARVESTED, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2000-2002

State	Area				Yield		Production		
	Planted		Harvested						
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
1,000 Acres									
AZ	8.2	7.8	8.2	7.8	270	270	2,520	2,214	2,106
CA	15.5	18.0	15.5	18.0	390	400	7,426	6,045	7,200
FL-Hastings	18.5	19.2	18.0	18.7	330	290	4,868	5,940	5,423
Other	7.1	6.8	7.0	6.7	290	290	1,475	2,030	1,943
NC	19.5	18.0	18.5	17.5	190	195	3,400	3,515	3,413
TX	9.5	9.5	9.0	8.0	230	190	2,232	2,070	1,520
TOTAL	78.3	79.3	76.2	76.7	286	282	21,921	21,814	21,605

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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP SHARPLY FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary Prices Received by Farmers Index for All Farm Products in March was 106, using a 1990-92=100 base period, up 7 points (7.1 percent) from the February index. A record price for lettuce, along with other increases for eggs, cattle, and tomatoes, more than offset decreased prices for broilers, milk, hogs, and broccoli. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for strawberries, lettuce, milk, and tomatoes more than offset decreased marketings of cattle, oranges, corn, and cotton. Compared with March 2001, the Prices Received Index was up 2 points (1.9 percent). Higher prices for lettuce, strawberries, potatoes, and apples more than offset lower prices for broilers, hogs, cattle, and tomatoes. The Food Commodities Index increased 9.0 percent over last month and was 3.8 percent above March, 2001.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The Prices Paid by Farmers Index for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) in March was 122 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from February but 2 points (1.6 percent) below March 2001. Lower prices in March for feeder cattle, complete feeds, nitrogen fertilizers, and feeder pigs were offset by higher prices for diesel fuel, gasoline, hay and forages, and potash and phosphate materials.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., MARCH 2001 AND 2002 AND FEBRUARY 2002

Commodity	Unit	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		March 2001 Entire Month	February 2002 Entire Month	March 2002 Mid-Month	March 2001 Entire Month	February 2002 Entire Month	March 2002 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	2/	2/	2/	0.432	0.287	0.284
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.87	2.83	2.81
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.40	3.49	3.11
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.85	2.75	2.76
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	95.00	93.00	100.00	87.20	90.40	91.40
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	96.00	93.00	100.00	93.70	99.50	98.80
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	86.00	93.00	95.00	71.30	70.80	73.00
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	14.00	12.60	12.50	13.50	14.10	13.60
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	10.60	22.30	20.20	17.30	20.00	19.50
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	21.60	26.70	23.80	20.60	26.70	26.00
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	17.00	21.80	14.00	26.50	25.30	23.10
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	39.60	37.50	37.70	42.30	40.60	42.40
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	79.30	68.00	71.70	80.50	73.60	75.30
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	78.90	67.70	71.40	76.30	69.90	71.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	112.00	99.10	101.00	112.00	105.00	104.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	13.40	12.70	12.50	13.90	13.10	12.70

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary: Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2001		2002	
	February	March	February	March
Prices Received	100	104	99	106
Prices Paid	124	124	122	122
Ratio 1/	81	84	81	87

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.